

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 195

By Henry

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the Tennessee Delta Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity on the occasion of their installation at Vanderbilt University.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary organizations on our college campuses that have given unselfishly of themselves, their time, and their talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, fraternities and sororities have played a major role in American college life since 1776 and have been major contributors to the cultural, social, and civic lives of their communities; and

WHEREAS, an outstanding example of the Greek system at work is the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, which has been an organization possessed of a long tradition of excellence since its founding on February 19, 1852; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Delta Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity was originally founded on the campus of Vanderbilt University on October 7, 1901, by nine bold charter members; and

WHEREAS, since that time, the Tennessee Delta Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity has had a long-standing impact on Vanderbilt University and the Nashville community, having produced leaders both within and without the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in the 112-year existence of Tennessee Delta, the Chapter has initiated over 1,600 men of excellence into their strong band of brotherhood; and

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2013, after a previous period of inactivity on the Vanderbilt University campus, the Tennessee Delta Chapter was granted a charter and formal recognition from the Executive Council of Phi Kappa Psi; and

WHEREAS, this accomplishment would not have been possible without the help and support of local alumni members of the fraternity, most notably Brother Charles S. Higgins, Jr., Tennessee Delta, '67; and

WHEREAS, invaluable help and assistance was provided by Ms. Kristin Shorter, Director of Greek Life at Vanderbilt University, without which, it is highly unlikely these events would have transpired; and

WHEREAS, Brother Ronald Ransom, Indiana Zeta, '00, who served as the Director of Expansion for the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, worked tirelessly with the undergraduate members, helping them achieve this important milestone; and

WHEREAS, it would have been impossible for Tennessee Delta Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi to attain its Charter without the stalwart and steadfast work of the following undergraduates: George Albert Norvell Barclay, Christopher Harrison Butsch, Mark Jameson Cherry, William Andrew Cornaghie, Shawn Matthew Ellis, Timothy Hodgson Hamilton, Andrew Philip Kenner, Keith William Neely, Nathaniel Dean Rose, David Nathan Aronoff, Noah Jackson Barger, Keith Alley Berquist, Jeremy Oren Bloomstone, Jared Alexander Bolnick, Adam Joseph Broski, Samuel Max Heyman, Lane Michael Kelly, Sebastian Philip Norrdahl, Eric Scott Orenstein, Anuj Abhijit Patwardhan, Daniel Evan Prager, David Spencer Sanchez, William Spencer Vereen, Nicholas Alexander Visos, John Franklin Warmath, Jr., Peter Ross White, Brandon Thomas Williams, John Allan Williams, Jeremy Matthew Exstein, Nathan David Markiewicz, William Nathaniel Nichols, Stephen John O'Leary, IV, Kenneth Marc Soll, Daniel Steven Sperling, Brian Patrick Austad, James Lee Henley, Ian Simonson, Willie Taro Lorenz Carter, Brian Rizzo Scales, Alexander Kazusato Taira, Tyler Linn Bishop, Arlyn Jacob Goodrich, Jonathan Morris Meneses, Benjamin Dean Behseresht, Emilio Alexi Contreras, Adrian Savvas Evarkiou-Kaku, Connor William Jones, James Philip Kettler, Edwin Taylor Moore, Joseph Francis Navin, Tyler Matthew Rigsby, Mark Phillip Simon, Austin Michael Vitaliano, Daniel Ryan Weitz, and Victor Wu; and

WHEREAS, in appreciation for all of their help and support of the Tennessee Delta Colony, the new chapter bestowed honorary membership on Brother Whitney Donald Behr, Texas Beta '08, and Brother Arthur John Johnsen, Pennsylvania Epsilon '62; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend the members of the Tennessee Delta Chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity for their exemplary service to the Nashville community and recognize them on the auspicious occasion of their re-chartering at Vanderbilt University on February 23, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.